

**REMARKS**

***Claim Amendments***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 3-6, 8-10, 14, 17, 18, 21-33, and 36 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 17, 33, and 35 have been amended. Claims 34 and 36 have been cancelled. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. *See e.g.*, page 5, lines 8-10. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment and submit that the above amendment does not constitute new matter.

**Statement of Substance of Interview Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) and M.P.E.P. § 713.04, Applicants provide a summary of the interview. Applicants thank Examiners Carlson and Rooke for agreeing to conduct the interview and appreciate the courtesies extended by the Examiners.

During the interview, the Examiners suggested amending the claims to recite that the amino acids (e.g., methionine, histidine, glycine) are added “to the medium.” The Examiners indicated that this amendment would place the claims in condition for allowance.

In accordance with the Examiners’ suggestion, Applicants have amended claims 9, 17, and 33 to recite that the amino acids (e.g., methionine, histidine, glycine) are added “to the medium.”

**CONCLUSION**

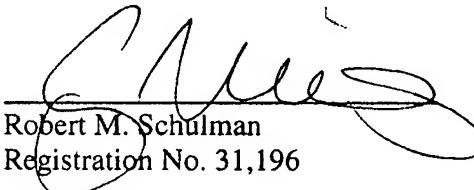
Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-6, 8-10, 14, 17, 18, 21-33, and 35 are in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that any issues remain after consideration of this Supplemental Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss and resolve such issues.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with this supplemental response. However, in the event that any fees are required by the USPTO to enter and consider this Supplemental Response, or to maintain the present application pending, please charge any such fees to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

Respectfully submitted,

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